



Ontario Fire & Life Safety Educators

ONTARIO FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATORS (OFLSE) COMMITTEE UPDATE

The OFLSE committee wants to hear from you! We started this journey with a 3-5 year plan and have worked hard to meet those needs through theoretical training in our two spring conferences and our practical portion at the fall seminar. We are now in our fourth year with a spring conference and second fall seminar. As such we are asking you to submit training needs that you feel are necessary for us to keep current and move us forward. Visit our website at www.oflse.com where you'll find resources, training needs survey, OFLSE Committee Terms of Reference, news, updates and more.

ELECTIONS

In 2017 we will be holding elections for the following positions as per our Terms of Reference and we are looking for individuals that are interested in setting future of our organization.

- **VICE CHAIR:** Alternate Chair in case of absence; responsible for Committee work; representative on Joint PE/FP/OAFC Education and Prevention standing committee. This position involves a 4-year commitment; the Vice Chair fulfills their 2-year term, after which they automatically fulfill a 2-year term as Chair.
- **DIRECTOR 1- Communications:** responsible for mass emails, social media, website maintenance and other assigned tasks
- **DIRECTOR 3 - Spring Conference:** responsible for organizing the spring conference and other assigned tasks
- **DIRECTOR 4- Fall Conference:** responsible for organizing the fall conference and other assigned tasks

Each position's commitment may require 1-2 hours a month dealing with emails, meetings and teleconferences, as well as 2-3 hours each quarter participating in joint teleconferences with committees.

Should any members wish to become involved with the OFLSE committee, please submit your nomination form to the Secretary Shanyn Godward shanyn.godward@richmondhill.ca by **February 27, 2017**. We encourage your involvement as you have a unique opportunity to have a direct impact on your future!

SPRING CONFERENCE

The planning for the 2017 Spring Conference, being held Monday May 8 and Tuesday May 9, is well underway and you can look forward to seeing updates through the OAFC website in the upcoming months. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. We hope to make this our best year ever.

NEW - AWARD

The OFLSE is very excited to introduce the **Program of the Year Award**, which will be given to the fire department that creates a new/modernizes an existing program in an innovative and unique way, or which greatly exceeded the target goals set in the terms of the program reach/effectiveness and positive community impact. Visit the website for award nomination/criteria and submission deadlines.

Yours in Fire Safety,

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